



## Infant Mortality Summit Breakout Sessions

Each of the 50 minute breakout sessions will focus on a social or economic issue and its impact on birth outcomes. All will be discussion-based except the Policy Workshop. The discussion will revolve around the following questions:

1. What are some specific policy initiatives and priorities that our community should pursue to address this policy domain in order to improve birth outcomes (local, state, federal, or corporate)?
2. What are the best ways to support and drive the above policy priorities and thereby improve birth outcomes?

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### Public Policy/Advocacy 101 Workshop

This session is intended to provide an overview of how policy is created, and how policy can be changed. Our experts will discuss policy-making at various levels. Participants will gain deeper understanding of the role that the “regular person” can play in shaping and changing policy.

#### Discussion Leaders:

- **Jennifer Gonda** – Acting Director of Intergovernmental Relations at the City of Milwaukee
- **Rob Henken** – President of the Public Policy Forum

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### Early Education and Childcare

Discussion may include:

- Birth through age eight, the crucial years
- Access to and availability of high-quality childcare
- Choosing key intervention points
- Building power to improve early education and childcare
- Reducing barriers to learning
- Enhancing the healthy development of the child by transforming the lives of the parent
- Reconceptualizing how health fits in with early childhood policy and practice

#### Discussion Leaders:

- **Christine Holmes** – President at Penfield Children’s Center
- **Aaron Schutz** – Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Educational Policy and Community Studies at UWM



## Income-Related Policies

Discussion may include:

- Earned Income Tax Credit
- Minimum wage
- Birth Cost Recovery policy
- Child support
- BadgerCare
- W-2
- Food Assistance Programs

### Discussion Leaders:

- **Patricia McManus** – Co-Founder, President and CEO of the Black Health Coalition
- **David Reimer** – Senior Fellow at Community Advocates Public Policy Institute

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## Healthy Neighborhoods

Discussion may include:

- Safe and affordable housing
- Social support and connectedness
- Walkability
- Access to green space/parks
- Access to healthy food

### Discussion Leaders:

- **Nik Kovac** – Alderman for Milwaukee's 3rd District
- **Ann Wilson** – Manager of the Hillside Family Resource Center for the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee



## Employment

Discussion may include:

- Unemployment
- Availability of skilled labor jobs
- Transportation issues related to employment
- Jobs for former convicts
- Transitional jobs
- Job training

### Discussion Leaders:

**Paula Penebaker** – President and CEO of the YWCA of Greater Milwaukee

**Conor Williams** – Economic Policy Analyst at Community Advocates Public Policy Institute